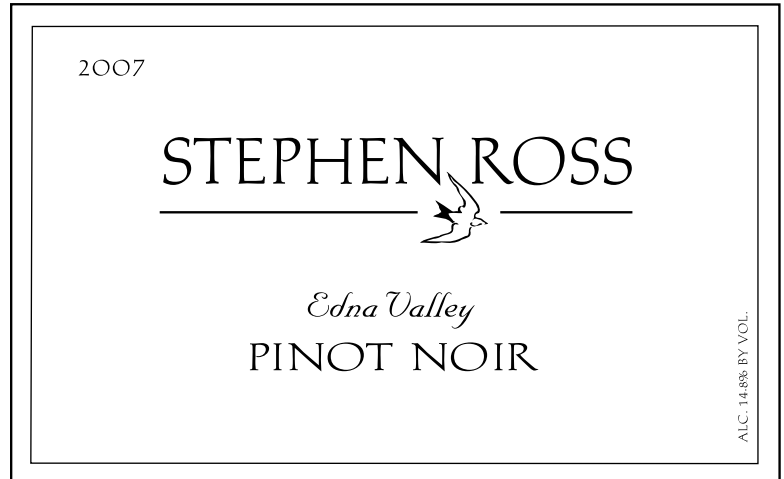


2007

EDNA VALLEY

PINOT NOIR



- Harvested by hand September 4 through October 5, 2007
- 41% Wolff Vineyard, 31% Edna Ranch , 17% Stone Corral Vineyard, 11% Chorro Creek Vineyard
- Average juice analysis 25.0 °Brix, 6.1 T.A., 3.50 pH
- De-stemmed into two-ton and five-ton open top refrigerated fermentation tanks
- 14 day *cuvaison*/skin contact; 7 Day cold soak @ 55 °F, pumped over 1 time per day; 7 Day fermentation, punched down 3 times per day, peak temperature 82 °F
- Aged in French oak barrels 10 months - 25% new French oak, *Tonnellerie François Frères, Sirugue, Mercurey* and *D'Aquitaine*, and 75% used barrels, two to five years old
- Clarified by racking three times
- Wine analysis, 14.8% alcohol, 5.9 grams/liter T.A., 3.56 pH
- Bottled non-fined and non-filtered on August 12 & 13, 2008

The Edna Valley is located on the south Central Coast of California a few miles southeast of the town of San Luis Obispo. The valley spans in an east-west orientation and is open to the Pacific Ocean to the west. It lies at 34 degrees latitude and therefore receives a lot of intense sunlight from a “directly overhead” sun. The climate is strongly influenced by regular summertime afternoon cool breezes from the ocean. The 2007 season was remarkable for its consistently cool temperatures following a winter of sub-average rainfall. Crop yields were slightly below average - around 1.5 to 2.0 tons per acre.

Our 2007 Edna Valley Pinot Noir is the best version of this wine in the last several years. The combination of a great vintage and working with superb vineyards, including our own Stone Corral Vineyard, make this a wonderful bottling. In general, most California Pinot Noir producers are ecstatic about the quality of the 2007 vintage, and this was true for Stephen Ross as well. This is a deeply colored, rich, concentrated Pinot Noir. The aromas are reminiscent of raspberries, cherries, cola and spicy clove; it is a yummy wine with complex Pinot Noir flavors and fine tannins yielding a silky refined palate and finish.

1,923 cases produced.